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SUBJECT: CROWN PRINCE HASSAN'S CONVERSATION WITH DEPSECDEF
CLEMENTS

SUMMARY/ DURING VISIT OCTOBER 25 DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS MET
WITH CROWN PRINCE HASSAN -- THE "REGENT" WHILE KING HUSSEIN
IS ATTENDING CAIRO SUMMIT. PRINCIPAL SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION
WERE RIYADH MEETING AND ITS RESULTS, STATUS MIDEASTFOR. HASSAN
THOUGHT ISRAELIS WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED BY NEW ARAB COHESION
AND SETTLEMENT IN LEBANON. CLEMENTS POINTED OUT ISRAELIS SEEMED
RELIEVED TO HAVE SITUATION MOVING AWAY FROM POSSIBLE PLO
VICTORY IN LEBANON WITH ALL OF TURMOIL WHICH SUCH A DEVELOPMENT
MIGHT BRING. A MAJOR PART OF THE TALKS CONCERNED THE
GULF AND MIDEASTFOR CONTINUING PRESENCE IN BAHRAIN.
HASSAN SAID JORDAN WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE QUIET, DIRECT
SUPPORT WITH BAHRAIN LEADERS FOR MIDEASTFOR PRESENCE.
CLEMENTS BRIEFED HASSAN ON BAHRAIN ARMS REQUESTS.
HASSAN INDICATED THAT BOTH JORDAN AND BAHRAIN NEEDED TO
KEEP A WEATHER EYE ON ON-GOING COSTS OF ARMS AND THAT
JORDAN WAS SEEKING A BALANCE BETWEEN GUNS AND BUTTER IN
ITS DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. END SUMMARY.

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1. SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL AFTERNOON OCTOBER 25, CORWN PRINCE HASSAN RECEIVED DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM CLEMNTS. ALSO PRESENT IN ADDITION TO AMBASSADOR WERE JORDAN ARMED FORCES CINC, LT. GENERAL ZAID BIN SHAKER, ASSISTANCE SECDEF, ISA EUGENE MCAULIFFE DEPSECDEF AIDE JOSEPH ZAICE.

2. AFTER INITIAL EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS, HASSAN EXPLAINED THAT JORDAN VIEWED THE TIYADH CONFERNECE RESULTS AS POSITIVE. THERE WERE TWO MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS STEMMING FROM RIYADH -- THE EFFORT AT A LEBANESE SOLUTION AND THE RECONCILIATION BETWEEN EGYPT AND SYRIA. ON THE FORMER, TWO GROUPS SEEMED TO BE UNHAPPY ABOUT THE RESULTS. THE ISRAELIS, THE CROWN PRINCE IMPLIED, WERE UNHAPPY BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT TO SEE THE INTER-ARAB STRUGGLE IN LEBANON ENDED. THE ARAB RADICALS WERE ALSO UNHAPPY BECAUSE THEY SEEMED TO HAVE COME OUT ON THE LOSING END OF THE DEAL.

3. HERE MR. CLEMENTS POINTED OUT THAT THE ISRAELIS DID NOT SEEM TO BE DISTURBED, POSSIBLY BECAUSE THEY SEE THE RIYADH CONFERENCE RESULTS AS AVOIDING A SITUATION IN WHICH THE PLO AND LEFT WOULD HAVE MERGED AS A DOMINANT FORCE IN LEBANON WHICH COULD CONTINUE TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. HASSAN SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT POINT.

4. CROWN PRINCE THEN MOVED ON TO THE SECOND ASPECT OF RIYADH. HERE HE POINTED OUT THAT EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN APPARENT RECONCILIATION PUT THE ARABS IN A GOOD POSITION IN TERMS OF FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL. HE SAID ISRAEL MIGHT NOT BE ESPECIALLY PLEASED BECAUSE SUCH A SHIFT IMPLIED THAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD HAVE TO FACE A THREE-FRONT NEGOTIATION RATHER THAN ONE FRONT AT A TIME. CLEMENTS REMARKED THAT THE KSRAELIS DID SEEM TO WELCOME NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT DEEP DOWN THEY SEEMED TO HAVE ACCEPTED THE NECESSITY FOR MAKING SOME CONCESSIONS. HASSAN REMARKED THAT THE ARABS LOOKED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR A MAJOR EFFORT IN NEGOTIATIONS. CLEMENTS NOTED THAT THE UNITED STATES STILL CONSIDERS THAT JORDAN
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WOULD BE AN ESSENTIAL PARTICIPANT IN NEGOTIATIONS.

5. TURNING TO A NEW SUBJECT, HASSAN NOTED THAT THE GULF AREA WAS ONE WHICH PRESENTED INCREASING PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY MENTIONING IRAQI SUBVERSION IN THAT AREA. SECRETARY CLEMENTS CAREFULLY DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT AND THE ISSUES IN THE GULF. HE NOTED THAT HE GULF PROBLEMS WOULD BE PRESENT NO MATTER

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT.

6. SECRETARY CLEMENTS THEN CONTINUED BY DESCRIBING THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE MIDDLE EAST FORCE AND THE REACTIONS HE HAD BEEN GIVEN IN BAHRAIN DURING HIS RECENT VISIT, WHERE THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN PARTICULAR WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO SAY THAT NO OTHER ARABS WOULD SUPPORT BAHRAIN IN ITS CONTINUING TO ACCEPT THE PRESENCE OF THE MIDDLE EAST FORCE. PERHAPS THIS WAS A BAHRAINI NEGOTIATING PLOY. HE ASKED HASSAN FOR JORDAN'S POSITION ON THE FORCE BUT RESPONSE WAS VAGUE- WHEN SECRETARY CLEMENTS ASKED ONCE AGAIN, AMBASSADOR

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NOTED HE HAD DISCUSSED QUESTION WITH KING HUSSEIN OVER A YEAR AGO. KING HAD SUPPORTED US PRESENCE IN THE AREA BUT HAD FELT THAT OPEN PUBLIC SUPPORT WOULD POSSIBLY BE DETRIMENTAL. PLO AND PALESTINAINS, ESPECIALLY IN THE GULF, WERE ANTI-JORDANIAN AND THERE MIGHT BE A STRONG REACTION AGAINST JORDANIAN /US COLLUSION, POSSIBLY TO THE CONSIDERABLE DISCOMFORT OF THE REGIMES IN THE SMALLER GULF STATES. SECRETARY CLEMENTS EXPRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THIS POINT. SECRETARY CLEMENTS ALSO PROVIDED HASSAN WITH DETAILS ON SOVIET BASE IN BERBERA, SOMALIA WHICH HE HAD GIVEN BAHRAINIS AND NOTED THAT HE

HAD SUGGESTED BAHRAINIS APPROACH SOMALIS WITH PROPOSAL THAT IF SOMALIS WOULD GET SOVIETS OUT, US WOULD WILLINGLY LEAVE BAHRAIN. HE SAID BAHRAINIS THEN CHANGED THE SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION.

7. HASSAN SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD WITH KING HUSSEIN TO GET A JORDANIAN VIEW SUPPORTING MIDEASTFOR TO BAHRAIN PRIVATELY. HE MENTIONED HIS OWN GOOD RELATIONS WITH BAHRAINI CROWN PRINCE. HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT BAHRAINI ARMS REQUESTS, SOME OF WHICH HAD BEEN MADE TO THE US THROUGH JORDAN.

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8 AMBASSADOR NOTED KING HUSSEIN WOULD BENEFIT IN ANY APPROACH TO BAHRAINIS IN KNOWING ABOUT THE CURRENT STATUS OF THEIR ARMS REQUEST. SECRETARY CLEMENTS REVIEWED FOR HASSAN PRESENT STATUS OF BAHRAIN REQUESTS TO PURCHASE ARMS, INCLUDING: (A) RECENT US SURVEYS OF HELICOPTER AND COASTAL PATROL BOAT NEEDS, (B) BAHRAIN REQUESTS TO PURCHASE SMALL SQUADRON F-5E'S, (C) BAHRAIN INTEREST IN CULCAN GUNS, (D) HEAVY INITIAL COST OF THIS PACKAGE (\$300 MILLION), PLUS ADDITIONAL OUT YEAR EXPENSES TO KEEP IT UP, AND (E) FACT US COULD RESPOND POSITIVELY AND QUICKLY TO HELICOPTER AND PATROL BOAT QUESTIONS.

9. ENDING THE TALK, HASSAN NOTED THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC QUESTIONS AND HOPED THAT JORDAN WOULD MAKE THE HARD DECISIONS REQUIRED TO BRING ITS BUDGET UNDER CONTROL. HE APPRECIATED THESE QUESTIONS AND WOULD ALSO BRING THEM TO THE ATTENTION OF HIS BAHRAINI COUNTERPARTS.

10. COMMENT: JORDANIANS WERE PLEASED WITH THE VISIT AND WENT TO SPECIAL LENGTHS TO MAKE THE TRIP USEFUL. THEY ARE LIKELY TO SPEAK TO THE BAHRAINIS IN A POSITIVE SENSE IF WE WISH THEM TO. SHOULD STATE AND DOD DESIRE, I CAN FOLLOW UP SECRETARY CLEMENTS APPROACH WITH KING HUSSEIN.

11. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY FOLLOW UP NECESSARY ON MIDEASTFOR QUESTIONS.

12. CABLE NOT CLEARED BY DEPSECDEF PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE AND IS OF COURSE SUBJECT TO HIS COMMENT. PICKERING

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